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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In the application of : Wilmert De Bosscher
Serial No. : 09/720,744
Filed : June 11, 2001
For : Vacuum tight coupling for tube sections
Examiner : Dunwoody, Aaron M.
Art Unit : 3679
Customer number : 23644

RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION DATED FEBRUARY 28, 2006

Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action of February 28, 2006, it is requested that the application be amended as follows: